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Art Unit 2872

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Relay Lens Used in an Illumination System of a Lithography System**
Inventors: Ryzhikov *et al.*
Our Ref: 1857.0910001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS);

2. Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet listing the cited documents);

3. Copies of the five (5) cited documents; and

4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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	AA1	5,402,267	03/28/1995	Fürter et al.			
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	AL1	EP 1115 019 A2	07/11/2001	Europe			Yes No
	AM1	EP 0869 383 A2	10/07/1998	Europe			Yes No
	AN1	EP 1001 314 A2	05/17/2000	Europe			Yes No
	AO1						Yes No
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	AR	1	Copy of Austrian Search Report for Singapore Appln. 200304198-5 mailed March 26, 2004.
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